

OPEN HOTEL TO MEN

Stockholders of Martha Washington Take Action.

CAUSTIC COMMENT IS HEARD

Guests at Woman's Hotel Blamed for Causing Discard—Crossed in Love and Poor Livers' Is Reason Assigned by Assistant Manager—Now Up to Board of Directors.

New York, Dec. 28.—The Martha Washington Hotel has proven a failure, and many are the reasons assigned therefor by its occupants. One of the guests declares she heard the assistant manager say that every woman there has been crossed in love, and as a result her liver was out of order. One complained of the food; another of the class of books that is in the hotel library, while the general sweeping statement is made that the majority of the patrons lodged complaints because they had nothing else to do.

The stockholders, at a special meeting to-day, voted to lease the property. This proposition will have to be submitted for final approval to the board of directors. It is predicted that when the board meets the wagging of tongues will exceed that at the stockholders' meeting yesterday and to-day. The hotel may be thrown open to men.

Trouble Over the Chef.

The storm center of the whole trouble seems to be the French chef. The Martha Washington's occupants have lodged many objections to having the restaurant's dishes served in French style. They declare they want simpler food. Manager Mark A. Cadwell retorts that he is endeavoring to conduct the Martha Washington as a strictly first-class hotel, and that he cannot be expected to turn it into an old ladies' home, as some of the Martha Washington's patrons seem to wish. It is further asserted by the present management that some women are only happy when they have something to complain about, and that the chief secret of the fault-finding is to be found in the disordered lives of the fault-finders.

"How would you like to have to cater to 400 women most of whose lives are out of order?" asked one of Manager Cadwell's assistants this morning. "I tell you some of the women here wouldn't be happy in heaven. They are soiled. Perhaps they have been crossed in love. For their sakes I hope they have been, for that at least would give them something to think about. They have to complain to keep themselves amused. They have nothing else to do. Principally they are kicking about the restaurant and the cooking of our French chef."

"The chef's all right, but some old maids whom we have as guests want the old maid style of grub. Well, we can't run a combination of first-class hotel and old ladies' home. It's got to be either one or the other. And we're trying to run it as a hotel."

"We find it's the women who kick off most and hardest who stay with us longest or who, if they leave, always come back."

No Bar, of Course.

"This talk about the guests objecting because they can't get wine jelly is ridiculous. Of course we have no bar in connection with the hotel, nor do we allow wine or beer or any intoxicating liquor to be served in the restaurant; but there is no restriction placed upon wine sauces."

"How about cigarette smoking?" was asked.

"At one time we had a smoking-room in which the men who dined here might smoke their after-dinner cigars, but it was so little used that we have now diverted the room to other uses. I never remember the smoking-room to have been made use of by any woman who lived here, except just once. She was an actress. She went into the smoking-room and lighted a cigarette and smoked it where every one who passed the door could see her. Next day she was asked to leave. Her conduct had been just a little bit too brazen. Now, if she had chosen to smoke the cigarette in the seclusion of her own room no one would have minded, for no one would have been any the wiser."

High-class Hotel.

The Martha Washington Hotel is twelve stories in height and contains 430 rooms. The rooms cost from \$1 to \$5 a day. The restaurant is both a la carte and table d'hôte, a table d'hôte dinner costing 75 cents.

Secretary Kellogg asserted this morning that the notion that the Martha Washington was intended for "cocking women" was erroneous. He contended that the phrase was misleading, and that the hotel was meant for self-supporting women who could afford something better than a lodging house.

Secretary Kellogg's office is on the twelfth floor of the hotel, and to reach it is for a man a perilous and embarrassing undertaking. A pass first has to be obtained from the room clerk, which it is necessary to give up a pedigree and satisfy the grantor of the pass that you are perfectly moral. The pass must then be presented to the elevator boy before he will permit an ascent to be made to the twelfth floor.

Among the principal holders of Martha Washington stock are John D. Rockefeller, Mrs. Russell Sage, and Helen Gould.

Several Wreck Victims Dead.

Rome, Dec. 28.—Several deaths of victims of yesterday's railway accident at Gallarate, Lombardy, occurred to-day. Thirty persons were injured, many of them seriously, and to-day's advices tell of the critical condition of several. Two electric trains crashed together while entering the railway station, causing the wreck.

Aged Woman Burns to Death.

Hudson, N. Y., Dec. 28.—When the house of Cyrene Stickle, a well-to-do farmer, of Livingston, Columbia County, was burned to-day, Mrs. Stickle, who was 73 years of age, was killed. She was overcome by smoke and was burned to death.

Adolphus Busch Has Pneumonia.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 28.—Adolphus Busch, founder of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Company, is confined to his bed with a slight attack of pneumonia. No fears are felt as to the culmination of the disease, as it is considered in its first stages and not beyond restriction. The news of Busch's illness has caused much uneasiness among his friends. He is sixty-nine years old.

Negro Slayer Is Caught.

Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 28.—Moses Wilson, alleged to be a North Carolina desperado, who shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Simmons, of Union County, Tenn., last Saturday, because Simmons had once arrested him, has been captured in the mountains and taken to the jail in Jonesboro for safekeeping. Public sentiment is strong against the negro, and threats of lynching are freely made.

CONVICTS ALARM PASSENGERS.

Fugitives in Stripes Cause Panic Among People on Train.

St. Louis, Dec. 28.—Three "trusty" negro convicts escaped from the penitentiary at Jefferson City last night and rode sixty miles toward St. Louis this morning on the "blind" baggage end of a Missouri Pacific passenger train. The passengers were panic-stricken when it became known that three convicts in prison garb were on the train. It was feared the negroes would stop the train and rob the passengers. The negroes were driven from the train at each station by Conductor W. B. Wheeler and the train crew, but as soon as the train started the trio would climb aboard the "blind" baggage.

At Kent, sixty miles west of St. Louis, they finally left the train and made off.

GIBSON GIRL RAGE IN PARIS.

French Women on Boulevards Affectionate Style of "Gibson Girl."

Paris, Dec. 28.—The Gibson girl is all the rage in this city. Eugénie Forgive, who was recently tried and acquitted on the charge of snuffing in London, is seen at the Alhambra in a song called "Why Do They Call Me a Gibson Girl?" She imitates the Gibson walk and poses. On the boulevards French women are affecting the Gibson style, which is spoken of by their admirers as the "Gibsonne Gerle."

CONTROL OF SEX DISCUSSED

Prof. Morgan Lectures at a Large Meeting of Women.

Tells American Association for Advancement of Science Laundries' Theory Is False.

New York, Dec. 28.—The biological significance and control of sex was the most popular subject discussed before the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which was continued at Columbia University to-day. The announcement of the subject brought out a large crowd of women.

Prof. T. C. Morgan pointed out that if the theory of Laundries, that males or females can be produced by regulating the amount of food were true, we should expect to find a preponderance of females among the rich. Statistics showed that, in fact, this was not the case, while, carrying it to the other extreme, statistics failed to prove that where there was a lack of nutrition there was a preponderance of males.

The doctrine of socialism, which gained popularity among the members of the association during the morning session, was attacked by Prof. Morgan. He declared that the doctrine of socialism, which is based on the theory of Laundries, is a false theory. He declared that the doctrine of socialism is based on the theory of Laundries, which is a false theory.

Two young women from Baltimore, one a professor in the Woman's College in that city, read papers before the chemistry section illustrating their statements with blackboard figures and lantern slides. In the chemistry department a woman professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology read a paper.

The two women who spoke before the physics section were Miss Bertha M. Clark, of Baltimore, whose subject was "On the variation of the heat of mixture with concentration and temperature," and Miss Fannie C. Gates, professor of physics in the Woman's College, Baltimore, whose topic was "On the conductivity of the air caused by certain compounds during the reaction."

Another woman, who read a paper before the industrial chemistry section to-day, was Mrs. Ellen H. Richards, professor of sanitary science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Mrs. Richards' topic was "When is time of more value than refinement of method?"

VAIN SEARCH FOR MUSICIAN.

Detectives Can Find No Trace of Frank Morton.

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—No trace has yet been found of Frank Morton, the missing first violinist of the Philadelphia Orchestra, who mysteriously disappeared after a dinner given last Friday night in a cafe near Broad and Chestnut streets, by Fritz Scheel, conductor of the organization.

With the arrival of the musician's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Morton, of Boston, the search was taken up with renewed vigor to-day. Mr. and Mrs. Morton are almost prostrated by their son's disappearance, and cannot advance any likely theory as to what has become of him.

The detectives are of the opinion that Morton is not in Philadelphia, if he is alive. All the hospitals have been searched.

FIGHTS TO GET IN CANFIELD'S.

Massachusetts Man Resents Police-Master's Warning, but Later Repents.

New York, Dec. 28.—Charged with having been disorderly and with attempting to gain access to an alleged gambling house, Samuel Philip Blagden, selectman of Williamstown, Mass., was arraigned to-day in Yorkville Court. He had fought with policemen who tried to prevent him from entering Canfield's old place, at No. 5 East Forty-fourth street, he made an apology in court and was then discharged by Magistrate Mayo.

That gambling is going on in the palatial home of cards and wheels was indicated by the fact that plain-clothes men were stationed in front to show away prospective patrons. The magistrate took it for granted. He told Blagden that the policeman "was trying to save his money" for him.

When the policemen warned him that it was a gambling house and he could not enter, Blagden tried to push past them. A fight followed. He was finally dragged to the East Fifty-sixth street station, where he again showed fight. Later he was released.

Cudahy's Increase Capital.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 28.—The Cudahy Packing Company certified to the secretary of state to-day an increase in its capitalization from \$7,000,000 to \$12,000,000. The additional capital is needed owing to increased business.

Prominent Merchant Seriously Ill.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—James E. Holden, manager of Marshall Field & Co.'s retail department, and one of the best known drygoods men in the country, is not expected to live through the night. He is suffering from the effects of an operation for appendicitis.

Simplified Spelling Favored.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 28.—After considering simplified spelling all day, the delegates to the Modern Language Association to-night voted to use simplified spelling in the association's journal. It approved the plan of campaign for the simplified spelling board.

Bonif Wines Sent.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The election of Count Bonif de Castellane as a member of the Chamber of Deputies was confirmed by the Chamber to-day. This settles the dispute over Bonif's right to the seat.

PURDY USES PROBE

Examines Witnesses in the Brownsville Negro Affair.

INQUIRY MAY END TO-DAY

Assistant Attorney General Hears Testimony of People Who Declare Colored Troops Committed Outrages on Night of August 13—Mrs. Leahy Insists She Counted Sixteen.

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PORTO RICO NOT SATISFIED.

Party Leader Says Self-government Should Go with Citizenship.

San Juan, P. R., Dec. 28.—R. Matienzo Cintrun, speaker of the House of Delegates, and leader of the Unionist party, has an article in La Correspondencia, the party organ, commenting on President Roosevelt's message on Porto Rico. He says that citizenship without self-government is worth nothing. Citizenship which is haggled over with such emphasis would be debasing. It would be to say to the world that American citizenship and servitude are compatible. If such an impossible thing were to happen it would be the arrival of the hour to say to Porto Rico, "Prepare yourself to conquer your liberty with arms in hand."

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For Twenty-five Years in Charge of Operations of Lines East and West of Pittsburgh—Erick, the Largest Individual Stockholder, is Considered to Be Out of the Question.

New York, Dec. 28.—James M'Crea, one of the directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad and vice president of the Pennsylvania Company, which controls the lines west of Pittsburgh, is considered in well-informed circles the man most likely to succeed President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania Railroad, who died in Philadelphia to-day.

Mr. M'Crea is the only director educated in the railroad business, and his knowledge of the affairs of the company both east and west of Pittsburgh is declared to be equalled by no other man connected with the company. One of the best informed and most prominent men in the financial district predicted to-day in the most positive terms Mr. M'Crea's election. He analyzed the situation as follows:

"The board is, of course, elected by the shareholders, and at the meeting for organization the board then appoints the vice presidents, who, by virtue of their office, become members of the board. The first two of about the same age as Mr. Cassatt, and are soon to retire under the age limit of seventy years. Capt. Green has been charged with the details of transportation. Mr. Rea is an engineer, just now in charge of New York work. Mr. Thayer is, and always has been, a traffic manager, while Mr. Tammill, fourth vice president, is the president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, of Philadelphia, to the treasurer, and has no other knowledge of the affairs of the company."

Cassatt May Have Looked to M'Crea. None of these officials is considered as a natural successor, not alone because their labors have been in one channel, but because of the wide knowledge of the service, but none of them has any knowledge of the vast interest of the railroad on the lines west of Pittsburgh.

"Well-informed men think that Mr. Cassatt was providing for the future when he had James M'Crea elected to the directorship. He is the one railroad man annually elected by the shareholders. He served in various positions on the Eastern lines, finally being transferred from the general superintendent of the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad east of Philadelphia to general manager of the lines west of Pittsburgh. In his twenty-five years' management of these properties he has risen to the first vice presidency, a position he has filled for the past ten or fifteen years, and is absolutely in control of them, the presidency being between the president and the population in a through car, even though two or more railroad systems have to be used."

As president he was not afloat in New York by way of river tunnels and to leave it in the same way. He should receive the lion's share of the credit for the magnificent union station now being built in Washington. He is tracking the main line of the Pennsylvania he has authorized the tearing away of whole mountains west of Harrisburg. He has poured out money by the tens of millions to eradicate the worst of the roads, and the roads under his control and for rolling stock. He has authorized the building of the new union station in Pittsburgh, and of roads in and about that smoky industrial center. When George Gould persisted in his effort to get into Pittsburgh with his Wabash, Mr. Cassatt chopped down the Western Union telegraph poles along the Pennsylvania's right of way, and the courts upheld his act. He introduced the system of retiring employees on a pension after he had reached his seventieth birthday. And it was Cassatt who conceived and put into execution the company's plan to take the road to the Baltimore and Ohio, the Chesapeake and Ohio, and the Norfolk and Western, rival coal roads, coming under the domination of "the Pennsylvania crowd."

As he advanced in the service, Mr. Cassatt made it a point to learn thoroughly every detail of the department over which he had control. One day Col. Thomas A. Scott called in person at the office of the new manager of the Warren and Franklin Railroad, and asked for some information which naturally would come from the bookkeeping department. Mr. Cassatt told him just what he wanted to know tersely and accurately without consulting the bookkeeper.

How did you happen to know this, Mr. Cassatt?" asked Col. Scott.

"Oh! I look over the books every few days," replied the general manager. "I would not want to be left in the lurch in the event of my bookkeeper's sudden becoming disabled."

"Umph! not a bad idea," gravely remarked the tireless Scott as he walked away.

Two years after Mr. Cassatt became general manager of the Pennsylvania, Robert Garrett walked into the office of George B. Roberts, then president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and exclaimed, gleefully: "Mr. Roberts, we have secured control of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad. We are not disposed, however, to disturb your relations with the property, and you need not give yourself any uneasiness on that score."

President Roberts was amazed and not a little disconcerted by the easy assurance of Mr. Garrett. As soon as the exultant Baltimore and Ohio man had gone there was a conference between President Roberts and Mr. Cassatt.

"Garrett says they've got the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore," said Mr. Roberts.

"Oh! no, they haven't," replied the general manager.

That night there was a meeting of the Pennsylvania Railroad directors in New York City, and the president, Mr. Cassatt, told them where he could find his hands on a block of Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore stock that would put the control forever in the hands of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Before the directors rose from their chairs a check was drawn for \$14,940,620. It hangs in a frame now on the walls of the treasury of the Pennsylvania Railroad, canceled to show that the money was there waiting when it was presented.

NEGRO HELD FOR MURDER.

George Lewis Captured After Four Years of Liberty.

George Lewis, alias "Sainty" Lewis, colored, aged twenty-four, was arrested last night by Detectives Hartigan and Barr on the charge of having committed murder at Wilmington, Del., four years ago.

In November, 1902, the Wilmington police sent word to this city that a negro named Edward Lewis, who claimed to come from Washington, had killed a man while in a fight. No trace of the man was discovered here until about three days ago, when he returned after having been away for four years. The police are confident that they have the right man.

Word was sent to the chief of police in Wilmington last night, and a detective will probably be sent here some time to-day to identify the man.

Mrs. Duval Critically Ill.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Duval, widow of Edmund P. Duval, former State Librarian of Maryland, is critically ill at her home here. Mrs. Duval is about sixty years old, and is suffering from heart failure. She has been in ill health for several months.

Ocean Steamships.

New York, Dec. 28.—Arrived: Steamships Casel, from Bremen, December 16; St. Laurent, from Havre, December 15; Internan, from Glasgow, December 15.

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Sailed from foreign ports: Steamship Minnetonka, from London for New York.

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